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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tsuneo Maruyama et al.

Application No.: 10/551,739

Confirmation No.: 4286

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Art Unit: 3682

For: OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: J. Pilkington

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 21, 2009, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-6 and 10 for continued examination.

No additional fee is believed to be due with this response. However, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this response, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any such fees, and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-6 and 10, drawn to a bearing; and

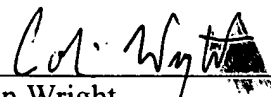
Group II: Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of making a bearing.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-6 and 10) for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable action. If there are any remaining issues that the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Dated: August 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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